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TAGS: AMED, SARIDA JAVED MALIK

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR BYROADE

1. CHIEF JUSTICE YAQUIB ALI HAS REQUESTED OUR HELP IN CONNECTION WITH A MEDICAL CASE INVOLVING HIS NIECE, SARIDA JAVED MALIK. SHE IS 28 YEARS OLD, IS MARRIED AND THE MOTHER OF ONE CHILD. TWO DAYS AGO DIAGNOSIS WAS MADE BY THE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS IN RAWALPINDI THAT SHE HAS MYLOID LEUKEMIA, DESCRIBED AS CHRONIC AND NOT YET ACUTE. NO TREATMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HER SO FAR.

2. LAST NIGHT THE JUSTICE CALLED ME WITH A REQUEST THAT WE HANDLE HER VISA CASE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN LAHORE SO THAT SHE COULD LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES TOMORROW EVENING. AT THAT TIME HE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY COULD HANDLE THEMSELVES ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE STATES. THIS MORNING HE CALLED AGAIN SAYING THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL LAST NIGHT FROM WASHINGTON REQUESTING MY HELP IN GETTING THIS LADY ADMITTED TO OUR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH IN MARYLAND. THE CALL WAS FROM SHAHID AMJAD CHOUDHRY, A RELATIVE WORKING AT THE WORLD BANK. HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IN MARYLAND IS 301-656-2575. REPEAT 301-656-2575. YAQUIB ALI SAID THAT CHOUDHRY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A DR. JOHN ZIEGLER, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CANCER TREATMENT AT NIA. SUPPOSEDLY ZIEGLER HAD TOLD CHOUDHRY THAT A LETTER FROM ME WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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3. I WOULD OF COURSE WANT US TO DO ANYTHING WE COULD TO ASSIST IN THIS UNFORTUNATE CASE. REQUEST THAT CONTACT BE ESTABLISHED WITH CHOUDHRY TO COORDINATE EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT ZIEGLER BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY ON THIS MATTER. THE CHIEF JUSTICE SEEMS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT A LETTER FROM ME TO ZIEGLER MIGHT SUFFICE, BUT IT SEEMS BEST TO ME THAT WE TRY TO HANDLE THIS ONE OFFICIALLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
BYROADE

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